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PRZEMYSL CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS AND 50,000 AUSTRIANS SURRENDER

BRITON IS HELD ON CHARGE BY OWN CONSUL

International Mystery Seen in
Arrest Here of W. St. John
Russell

STRANGE WOMAN IN TANGLE

Only Accusation Upon Which
Warrant Is Based Is Collec-
tion of \$30 Abroad.

A mysterious woman, a spectacular
arrest, and all the stage settings of
an international mystery, surround the
hearing this afternoon of W. St. John
Russell, a dapper young Englishman,
before United States Commissioner
Anson S. Taylor.

Young Russell was arrested at a hotel
here Saturday night on a warrant
issued by the United States commissioner
in New York at the instance of the
British vice consul there, charging him
with false pretenses.

To add to the mystery, the only
charge by which this international man-
facture was set working, by which a
famous detective agency was engaged,
and by which the police departments of
half a dozen cities have been asked to
be on the lookout, is that Russell ob-
tained about \$30 in Liverpool by means
of subscriptions to a literary produc-
tion.

And, in addition to wanting Russell, a
woman also is sought in connection
with this slight charge, a woman por-
trayed in terse description as "red hair-
ed, wearing fur coat, twenty-five years
old, and five feet, two inches tall."

This woman, it was learned today, is
expected to be at the hearing this after-
noon.

To Resist Extradition.
Attorney James S. Easby-Smith, who
was retained by Russell this morning to
defend him against extradition, said he
did not believe there is any political
significance to the case. He said he
had not yet been acquainted with com-
plete details of the case.

After his arrest Russell remained in
custody of the United States mar-
shals until the time of his hearing. The
international agreement regarding ex-
tradition proceedings, it was stated,
makes no provision for bond for those
arrested.

Assistant United States Attorney Arth-
ur took charge of the case for the Govern-
ment. He knew little of the details, he
said, and on that account was expected
to ask for a continuance, when a hear-
ing was called for this afternoon.

False Pretense Known Charge.
All the information regarding the ar-
rest at the office of the United States
attorney was the simple charge of ob-
taining \$30 under false pretenses in Liv-
erpool. An Englishman, named Allen
Jeans, was given as the complainant
against Russell.

Russell claims his arrest is due to a
mistake, and asserts his transactions
in Liverpool were perfectly legitimate.

In case of a prima facie case being
made out against Russell before com-
missioner Taylor, the proceedings will
be certified to the secretary of State
for extradition papers. Russell announced
he would vigorously resist extradition.

President to Discuss Tax Inquiry With Saulsbury

Plans for the Congressional investi-
gation of the war tax problems of gov-
ernment in the District will be discussed
tonight at a conference at the White
House between President Wilson and
Senator Saulsbury of Delaware, chair-
man of the joint committee.

Senator Saulsbury it is understood,
will tell the President that the com-
mittee will begin holding hearings in
September and has made arrangements
to obtain the views of prominent busi-
ness men regarding the half-and-half
principle and other matters of local
municipal finance.

German Submarine Seen
Few Miles From Dover
DOVER, England, March 22.—A Ger-
man submarine today appeared off
Deal, eight miles north of Dover, less
than one and one-half miles off shore.
She was sighted by crews of several
fishing boats who immediately gave the
alarm.

The German diver disappeared
before warships reached the spot.

Imported La Carolina Cherutos, 10c.
Something new from Cuba—try them—
Advt.

DIES IN BOSPHORUS



Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM
F. BRICKER.

TAXI COMPANY CUTS ROUND-TRIP RATES

Fare for Special Service in
"Dead Mileage Zone" Volun-
tarily Reduced.

Reduced taxicab rates for special
round trip service to balls, banquets,
receptions, and similar functions
have been ordered by the Terminal
Taxicab Company, according to a no-
tice received by the Public Utilities
Commission today.

With the approval of the commis-
sion, the new rates will become ef-
fective April 1. The present rate for
such service to the White House, Wil-
liam and Raleigh hotels, Rauscher's,
Lincoln Hall, and Odd Fellows Hall,
and the Washington Barracks, \$6, and
to the Chevy Chase Club and Fort
Myer, Va., \$7. The new rate to the
White House, Lincoln Hall, and the
Washington Barracks, \$4, and to Fort
Myer, \$5.

These rates apply to calls from within
the "dead mileage boundary" which ex-
tends from Thirtieth and M streets
northwest to Thirtieth and the City
avenue, to "Lovers Lane" to Massa-
chusetts avenue, to Twenty-ninth
street and Cathedral avenue, to Rock
creek, to Park road and Adams Mill
road, to Park road and Park place, to
North Capitol and Michigan avenue,
to North Capitol and Bryant, to Fifth
and Bryant streets northeast, to Mon-
tello avenue and Mt. Olivet road north-
east, to Fifteenth and H streets
northeast, and to Fifteenth and M
streets northeast.

The White House, officials of the com-
pany stated today, is not included in
the reduction because of the necessity
of the chauffeurs to take the car to the
Chase Club, it was said, is not reduced,
the present rate, in view of the long
haul, being regarded as reasonable.

"PLAGUE SPOT" IS NOW A PLAYGROUND

Willow Tree Alley Transformed
Into Place of Recreation
For Colored.

Hundreds of colored children played
today on the site of Willow Tree alley,
Third and C streets southwest, once
characterized by the police as "one of
the most notorious plague spots in the
city" and now transformed into a play-
ground.

The playground was formally opened
Saturday in the presence of E. S. Mar-
tin, superintendent, and other officials
of the playground department. Miss
Mable J. Price is director.

The apparatus includes swings, sliding
boards, seesaws, wading pool, a base-
ball diamond, and a swimming pool.
Industrial work, such as basketry, sew-
ing, embroidery, metal work, and paint-
ing will be taught during the summer
months.

Commerce Body to Hear Reports Upon Projects

The manufacturers committee of the
Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting at
noon Wednesday, will receive reports
from a subcommittee that has been in-
vestigating three projects which the
chamber has been endeavoring to have
located in this city.

The membership committee will meet
at noon Thursday and pass upon a num-
ber of applications for membership in
the chamber.

U. S. OFFICER IS DROWNED IN BOSPHORUS

Lieut. Com. Bricker and Three
Seamen Perish Close to
Constantinople.

SCORPION'S BOAT CAPSIZES

Americans Were Returning at
Night From Turk Capital.
Dead Officer Known Here.

BERLIN (via London), March 22.—A
Constantinople dispatch received here
today reported that Lieut. Comm-
ander William F. Bricker and three sail-
ors of the United States converted
yacht Scorpion were drowned Satur-
day night in the Bosphorus, off the
Turkish capital.

Lieutenant Commander Bricker was
on duty in Washington during 1912 and
1913, and during the early part of the
war was naval attaché in London.

The four men, with Lieut. H. S.
Babbitt and another sailor, were re-
turning to the Scorpion in a rowboat
after spending the day in Constanti-
nople. The boat was capsized, Babbitt
and one sailor were rescued.

The bodies of Bricker and three
sailors, whose names were Levering,
Ford, and Dowell were not recovered.

Bricker's Death Keenly Felt by Navy Officers; Had Just Been Advanced

Confirmation of the news of the
drowning of Lieutenant Commander
Bricker and three of his men from the
converted yacht Scorpion was received
today at the State Department through
Ambassador Morgenthau. The informa-
tion was at once conveyed to the Navy
Department.

The tragedy was deeply felt among
naval officers, most of whom are per-
sonally acquainted with Lieutenant
Commander Bricker, by reason of his
service in the naval intelligence office
here.

The cable of Ambassador Morgenthau
was sent, at request of Lieutenant Bah-
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U. S. BLOCKADE NOTE ROUNDING INTO SHAPE

Matter to Be Taken Up in Con-
crete Form by Cabinet To-
morrow.

The United States' protest against the
Anglo-French blockade of European
waters is slowly taking form. At to-
morrow's Cabinet meeting it is expected
to be in such shape that the main
points will be indicated.

Meanwhile it is already certain that
the original plan of a blanket protest
couched in strong terms has been
abandoned. The promises made in-
formally to Ambassador Page at Lon-
don that the allies fully intend to limit
their zone of action has solved one of
the main points.

This Government will be satisfied with
a radius of 1,000 miles from coast line,
and the allies do not want to assume
responsibility even that distance ac-
cording to the best word obtainable.
The United States is already on record
in the London conferences of 1909 as be-
lieving that 1,000 miles was a reason-
able distance within which a blockade
could be considered effective.

The naval experts who are aiding in
framing the protest have called atten-
tion to the fact that if this Govern-
ment ever is asked to go to war with
Japan it might prove embarrassing
to have on record as demanding a close
coastal blockade which would require
far more warships than the nation
could afford to enforce. Consequently
if the allies are willing to limit their
action actually, they consider the
United States will not ask any mat-
terial change along this line.

On the question of interference with
neutral commerce it is expected that the
Scandinavian countries will soon reach
an agreement with England and France
that imports through their territory to
Germany will not be permitted. This
will solve part at least of the United
States' contention that interference with
the commerce of neutrals is a violation
of international law and a change in
the rules of warfare that the United
States cannot tolerate.

STRIKING EVENTS IN THE DAY'S WAR DEVELOPMENTS

Austrian fortress, Przemyśl, surrenders to Russians after resisting
siege for six months. Fifty thousand prisoners taken.

Germans drive out Russians and retake the seaport of Memel oc-
cupied by the Czar's forces during the last advance in East
Prussia.

Reported combined allied fleet has resumed attack on Dardanelles
after conference on French flagship and an effort will be made
to force the Narrows at any cost.

Italy reported on the verge of casting her lot with the allies. All
Teutons are said to have been warned to leave.

War Department receives report of forcible stopping of German
ship attempting to leave harbor of Porto Rico without clearance
papers. Action of Lieutenant Colonel Burnham officially ap-
proved.

Holland to make vigorous protest over confiscation of Dutch boats
by the Germans and the reported attack on the Zevenbergen by
a submarine.

An Amsterdam dispatch today reported that a Zeppelin was wrecked
at Liege Saturday.

Paris Plans Surprise For Zeppelin Raiders

Return of Aerial Warships to Attack Capital Antici-
pated as Famous Aviators Confer—Sunday's At-
tacks Unexpected.

PARIS, March 22.—The Zeppelins will
come back. And when they come back
they'll find something waiting for them
they weren't looking for. Maybe they
won't go back.

A well-known English aviator, called
here for an aeronautical conference
three days ago, made this significant re-
mark today. He was commenting upon
the Zeppelin raid on Paris early yester-
day in which eight persons were in-
jured, several fires started, and some
property damage done by two German
airships that dropped about fifty bombs
in a cruise above the city and its sub-
urbs.

"We weren't quite prepared for the
Hochs this time," admitted the Eng-
lishman. "We knew that as soon as
spring came and the winter squalls
were over they'd fly over Paris and
probably make an attack on London."
"But we didn't expect them quite so
soon. The precautions taken by the
French flying corps last fall had been
somewhat relaxed. But we have some-
thing up our sleeve," as the Americans
say. The next Zeppelin that starts for
Paris will get the surprise of its life.

Anticipating a second attack last
night motor car patrols, carrying
searchlights, guarded all the approaches
to the city, and blasts of light swept
the sky until daylight. Sunday holiday
crowds toured the scenes of the Zepp-
elin visits, expressing great curiosity,
but no fear.

The Paris newspapers sarcastically
exclaimed that the fall of the fortress
evoked the wildest scenes in Petrograd
since the beginning of the war. Crowds
manned in the streets and before the
government buildings, cheering wild-
ly.

For the last month, rumors have
been circulating that the Przemysl gar-
rison was short of food and ammunition
and was about to give up. On the
other hand, aviators captured by the
Russians while en route with mes-
sages to Vienna indicated that the
garrison was well supplied and able
to hold out for several months.

Outer Forts Wrecked.
Within ten days, unusual activity
has prevailed around the besieged
fortress on the side of both the Aus-
trians and the Russians.

Almost daily the Austrian garrison
has sallied forth to attack the Russian
outposts, which were steadily drawing
a tighter ring about the inner forts.

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all the outer forts, and the Russian war
office several days ago made the sig-
nificant announcement that Russian
troops were "within rifle-shot" of the
main defenses.

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violent bombardment of the Russian
positions on last night. Their victory
was followed by an energetic attack from
the garrison that resulted in heavy
losses for the Austrian defenders.

Meanwhile an Austro-German force,
advancing through the Lupkow and
the Slava, von Hindenburg's forces
entered Memel on Thursday, a
Russian mob formed and looted the
homes of German citizens. Carloads of
loot were carried over the Russian fron-
tier, a few miles to the north, without
interference by the Russian troops.

A special report dealing with Russian
outrages at Memel will be issued later,
the war office announced.

TO DECIDE IF TALCUM POWDER IS MEDICINE

Question to Be Determined by
Treasury Department Arises
Out of War Tax.

The question of whether talcum
powder is a medicine or a beautifier is up
before Assistant Secretary of the
Treasury Newton for decision.

The hearing began today on the ob-
jections made by talcum powder man-
ufacturers, Colgate, Armour, and others,
to the war tax imposed on talcum pow-
der. The manufacturers maintain that
the fact that talcum powder was not
listed when the tax was laid on cos-
metics, perfumes, and other such toilet
preparations, indicates that the legis-
lators recognized it to be properly a
medicinal preparation, not merely a
beautifier.

GALICIAN FORTRESS YIELDS AFTER SIEGE LASTING SIX MONTHS

Capture of Fortress Will Release 160,000
Men for Russia's Defense of Poland
and the Invasion of Hungary—Dimitrieff
in Command of Victorious Russians.

PETROGRAD, March 22.—Przemysl has fallen, the
Russian war office announced this afternoon.

The Austrian garrison has surrendered to the Russian
besiegers.

Capture of the Austrian fortress came at the end of
several months' siege. It automatically releases a Russian
army of nearly 160,000 for action in Poland and along the
Carpathian front and constitutes perhaps the greatest vic-
tory for Russian arms since the beginning of the war. The
Austrian garrison that surrendered to General Dimitrieff
is reported to number about 50,000.

Przemysl has been under almost continuous siege
since September 20, 1914, when the Russians first began
shelling the Galician outer forts.

A month later, an Austro-German force advanced
northward through the Carpathians, relieved the besieged
city and drove the Russians back to the north.

The Austrian defenders of Przemyśl were in the last
extremity from disease and hunger when they surrendered,
according to dispatches to the war office. The Russian
armies engaged in the siege are now expected to advance
simultaneously to besiege the fortress of Cracow, and to
aid in the invasion of Hungary.

REJOICING IN PETROGRAD.

Within a fortnight, a new Russian
force appeared before Przemyśl and
resumed the siege.

Since that time, four Russian army
corps, the Seventh, Ninth, Tenth and
Eleventh, under General Radko Dimi-
triuff, a former Bulgarian army of-
ficer, have been battering at the
defenses to the fortress itself.

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Capture of Przemyśl Far-Reaching Victory

LONDON, March 22.—The capture of
Przemysl is the greatest blow struck
for the allies since the Germans were
checked in their drive on Paris last
fall. Consequently the official an-
nouncement from Petrograd aroused
the greatest enthusiasm among Lon-
don military experts this afternoon.

The fall of the great Austrian for-
tress came at a crucial moment for
the Austro-German allies. In the
north Prussia has been invaded by
the Slavs, von Hindenburg's forces
in Poland apparently are being fore-
warded back upon the Prussian frontier
and the Russians have taken an en-
ergetic offensive. At the extreme end
of the eastern battle line the Slavs are
advancing again into Bukovina.

In France the allies, re-enforced by
England's new army, are preparing
to strike to force the Germans back
to their own soil. To the south, Italy's
armies are putting on the final touches
for what is regarded as a certain dash
into Austria.

On every front the Austro-German
find themselves confronted by great
armies, eagerly on the aggressive
and ready to strike. And suddenly a
Russian force of four full army corps
is thrown into the balance against
them by the surrender of the Aus-
trians at Przemyśl.

Military critics pointed out tonight
that the 160,000 Russians that invested
Przemysl are almost as fresh as new
levies. Heading in their trenches they
have escaped the rigors of the winter
campaign along the Carpathians. That
they will be rushed southward along the
railways leading to the Lupkow and
Tasok passes to invade Hungary is
deemed certain.

The Austro-Germans must meet this
new force. Presumably they will hurry